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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION -- STATUS REPORT

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE WRAPS UP WHERE WE ARE ON THE JOINT
COMMISSION. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE INDIANS ON THE
TEXT OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED
THE TEXT. WE HAVE ALSO AGREED TO ESTABLISH THREE SUB-
COMMISSIONS, AS FOLLOWS: (A) ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL,
(B) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL, AND (C) EDUCATIONAL AND
CULTURAL.

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2. WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH THE INDIANS THE CREATION OF A JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL, WITHOUT USG PARTICIPATION, IN ORDER CREATE A FORUM FOR OUR PRIVATE SECTOR TO CONDUCT A DIALOGUE WITH GOI OFFICIALS AS WELL AS THE INDIAN PRIVATE SECTOR. THERE WILL BE PRIVATE U.S. PARTICIPATION ON THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION. BECAUSE OF COMPLICATIONS AS RESULT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL ACT, OTHER TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS WILL BE CONFINED TO GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION

ON BOTH SIDES. THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL WILL BE ENTIRELY PRIVATE ON U.S. SIDE AND PRESUMABLY PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT ON INDIAN SIDE.

3. IN ORDER GET COMMISSION MOVING WE WISH TO SCHEDULE SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS FAIRLY SOON AFTER THE CREATION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION AND ARE THINKING OF THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: (WE EMPHASIZE THAT DATES STILL TENTATIVE.)

A. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION - TO BE CHAIRED ON THE U.S. SIDE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS AND TO TAKE PLACE IN NEW DELHI IN DECEMBER.

B. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUBCOMMISSION - TO BE CHAIRED ON THE U.S. SIDE BY JOHN GRANGER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BUREAU OF OCEAN AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, PENDING APPOINTMENT OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY; MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER/JANUARY IN WASHINGTON.

C. CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL SUBCOMMISSION - TO BE CHAIRED ON THE U.S. SIDE BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL MEMBER YET TO BE DETERMINED, AND TO TAKE PLACE IN NEW DELHI IN JANUARY.

OTHER USG AGENCIES WOULD PARTICIPATE, AS APPROPRIATE, AT THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL OR LOWER. THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL GROUP WILL, AS NOTED ABOVE, HAVE PRIVATE MEMBERS.

4. WHILE AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD ADDRESS PRACTICAL ISSUES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSOCIATED WITH CURRENT PROGRAMS AND/OR PROBLEMS, IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THE SUBCOMMISSIONS WILL OPERATE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS OR FUNCTION AS "COURTS OF APPEAL" FOR BILATERAL DISPUTES. THEY WILL SERVE AS FORA FOR A CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ALL ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND A MECHANISM FOR FACILITATING AND EXPANDING TIES IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS, PARTICULARLY AMONG NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

5. AS RESULT OF EXCHANGES WITH INDIANS HERE, VIEWS VARIOUS WASHINGTON OFFICES AND YOUR OFFICIAL/INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS, WE HAVE DEVELOPED SOME PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE IDEAS ON AGENDAS FOR INITIAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS, AS FOLLOWS:

A) ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION:

1. JOINT INVESTMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES
2. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN PROPOSED GSP
3. DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY
4. INTERNAL GOI PRICING POLICIES AND EFFECTS ON U.S. FIRMS
5. NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE
6. GOI POLICY RE FOREIGN INVESTMENT
7. TECHNOLOGY FLOWS
8. INDIAN PROBLEMS ACQUIRING COMMODITIES IN SHORT SUPPLY (E.G. FERTILIZER, WOOD PULP)
9. EXCHANGES OF MARKETING INFORMATION
10. U.S. POLICY ON SALES OF MICA FROM GSA STOCKPILES

B) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUBCOMMISSION:

1. REVIEW OF EXISTING S AND T PROGRAMS.
2. DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES IN NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION. (SUCH AS COAL TECHNOLOGY, ARID ZONE RESEARCH, COASTAL AQUACULTURE, CORROSION PREVENTION AND INTEGRATED PEST CONTROL

C) EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION

1. U.S. WILL PROPOSE THAT FOR WORKING PURPOSES SUBCOMMISSION DIVIDE INTO TWO GROUPS, ONE TO COVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACADEMIC QUESTIONS AND THE OTHER MEDIA, FOUNDATIONS AND NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE HUMANITIES, MUSEOLOGY, PERFORMING ARTS, AND PRIVATE COOPERATION AND BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT. WITH THIS IN MIND, THE FOLLOWING ARE POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE TWO GROUPS.

1. REVIEW OF EXISTING E AND C PROGRAMS.
2. MODALITIES AND PROBLEMS IN EXCHANGES OF FILMS AND TV PROGRAMS.
3. ROLE OF FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.
4. EXCHANGES OF PERIODICALS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION
5. MODALITIES AND PROBLEMS IN PERFORMING ARTS EXCHANGES.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: YOU SHOULD REVIEW THIS APPROACH WITH GOI, WHICH IS HEAVILY BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN EMBASSY HERE. WILL NEED YOUR VIEWS PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S VISIT THAT WE ARE IN ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT ON MODALITIES WITH GOI, RECOGNIZING THAT SCHEDULING NOTED ABOVE IS FOR PRESENT TENTATIVE AND ILLUSTRATIVE. ;

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